

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Silvio Aime**

Confirmation No. 9446

Serial No.: 10/552,851

Filing Date: July 21, 2006

For: **ADDUCTS BETWEEN MAGNETIC RESONANCE SHIFT
REAGENTS AND SUBSTRATES CONTAINING EXCHANGEABLE
PROTONS FOR CEST APPLICATIONS**

Group: 1618

Examiner: Lance W. Rider

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.